

Fishing

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Note: Missing dates normally mean that the wind contributed to boats not going out to fish. I have a NEW email if you can send me any fishing news or pictures: lyncurt0@gmail.com

10/27 The local fishing fleet went out trolling at Isla Turner and Deadman on a somewhat slower day. There were still good catches of the same species; yellowtail, bonito and sierra for some of the trollers. GATOR BAIT, SAND DOLLAR, JAYHAWKER, and PERRYDIZE caught limits or near-limits of yellowtail and bonito and had plenty of sierra hitting also. EL SUENO and LIL' PLAYBOY also caught some of the same species. The best lures continued to be pink, silver, bunker and spotted minnow in Rap-30s trolled around the Pyramids to over the south reef and around the southwest end of Turner.

10/29 GATOR BAIT, EL SUENO, EL PATO, SAND DOLLAR, and ROSIE were all out trolling again for a great day at Turner and Deadman. ROSIE also made the run over to Esteban for some better grade yellowtail (in the twenty pound plus range) than they have been catching in the Turner area. Still, everyone caught lots of nice yellowtail, bonito, sierra and even a few skipjack

11/03 This was a busy day at Turner and Deadman with a couple headed over to Isla Esteban. SAND DOLLAR, DAKOTA, LA DONNA, RED ROVER, NIGHTWINGS, SEA BASS, and MANANA MAYBE were all in the south Turner area trolling, but some moved on over to Deadman and NIGHTWINGS began to jig both areas, particularly Deadman. Regardless of how anyone was fishing, the bite was on, with usual suspects; yellowtail of all sizes, bonito and sierra mainly. LA DONNA was out for three days and apparently hit a good late bite the first day and did well on the

second day, but no details are available. PERRYDIZE spent most of the day around Deadman and did great trolling there as well. NIGHTWINGS jigged up limits of yellowtail and a 20 pound baja grouper. SEA BASS also trolled over to Cactus and got a sardinera (leopard grouper) and caught some nice bottom fish. RED ROVER and EL SUENO went to Isla Esteban where RED ROVER fished Deadman for lots of small to medium bonito and yellowtail. EL SUENO tried trolling and jigging for yellowtail spotted by their divers but had little or no luck. However, the free-divers got limits spear-fishing of yellowtail to 35 pounds in water less than 50 feet deep. They also reported seeing even bigger ones but they were too wary to allow the divers within range.

11/4 OVERCAST trolled Deadman for nice yellowtail, bonito and sierra.

11/8 DAKOTA and SEA BASS fished the Turner area for some yellowtail, sierra and lots of bonito. SEA BASS also did well bottom fishing.

11/9 Another big day with really nice seas that brought out a lot of fishermen to the Turner-Deadman area. DAKOTA, SAND DOLLAR, GATOR BAIT, BOMBERO, JAYHAWKER, OVERCAST, 13-0-13, EL SUENO, ROSIE, AND QUE LINDA were all out trolling and with some bottom-fishing. The most popular colors were pink, bunker, blue mackerel, spotted minnow and the red head. DAKOTA caught yellowtail with three nice ones, a big bonito, and a bunch of sierra. SAND DOLLAR caught six to eight yellowtail, including one really nice one, plus a mess of bottom fish. GATOR BAIT got limits of bonito a few yellowtail and a nice sardinera. JAYHAWKER caught six or seven each of yellowtail and bonito, and limits of sierra. PERRYDIZE got lots of yellowtail to 15 pounds, seven bonito, and 15 sierra at Deadman. OVERCAST jigged up a couple of white sea bass, one of 54 pounds on a silver and blue. He caught the WSB at the south end of Turner near the reef. EL SUENO fished Turner also for bonito sierra and bottom fish. QUE LINDA loaded up on yellowtail, bonito, sierra and bottom fish, and lost

something really big, possibly a shark. ROSIE went over to Isla Esteban from Turner and trolled up really nice yellowtail, some into the twenty plus range. RED ROVER also went to Esteban for lots of yellowtail and four more from 25 to 27.5 pounds. Nightwings made a futile search for Cortez Halibut and corvina around Christmas Tree (from shore), but no luck there.

11/13-14 PERRYDIZE, SAND DOLLAR, and BOMBERO fished the Turner to Deadman area for big catches of bonito, sierra, and some yellowtail. The lobos (sealions) at Deadman were pretty hungry, but did quite well on fish donated by various fishermen, especially SAND DOLLAR. Lobo now recognizes his boat. The BOMBEROS crew caught three white sea bass, but the size is not known at this time. QUE LINDA trolled north towards Barrel Point for a larger grade of yellowtail. Gator Bait, Scooby-doo, Hannah Ryan and Nightwings left their boats behind and went to San Carlos to try for something different after yellowfin tuna showed up the weekend before. Unfortunately, the water turned cooler and "green" pushing out most of the "tropicals". They did manage to catch four dorado and had a rare November double hook up on two nice marlin for a brief, but exciting show. The silvery, beautiful fish jumped a lot and ripped off line at their leisure while Scooby-doo and Nightwings furiously tried to recover slack when they would



charge the boat. It was all to no avail as both threw the lures after two or three heart-stopping runs. RED ROVER caught lots of medium size yellowtail and bonito at Deep Reef that day.



11/17 Choppy water and a few swells were left from the preceding day's winds, but a good number still went out for a day fishing in the cooler weather. TZIGINE went out for a ice-breaker and got some nice yellowtail and bonito before deciding to cruise around a little. BOMBEROS, GATOR BAIT, SAND DOLLAR, MANANA MAYBE, RED ROVER, ODYSSEA, DAKOTA, NIGHTWINGS, and OFF SEASON all started at Turner and Deadman, most trolling except for BOMBEROS and NIGHTWINGS jigging and GATOR BAIT bottom fishing with jigs and bait. The trollers were rewarded with generous catches of yellowtail and bonito and a few sierra. The quality of yellowtail was improving and many moss-backs were lost or broken off. Big schools of sierra were working bait a few miles off Turner towards the ramp. Scooby-doo, on GATORBAIT, redeemed his earlier marlin loss by landing a 48 pound white sea bass early in the morning, in deep water off the reef at the south end of Turner. Everyone out there caught all of the fish they wanted and some moved off to Deep Reef as well. Quite a few really fat rockies and gold-spotted cabrilla, along with some trigger fish

were caught by bottom fishing and jigging. Of course BOMBEROS caught at least one big white sea bass in addition to the yellowtail. It was caught jigging while drifting over the reef at Turners in the early afternoon. RED ROVER ventured over to Esteban for more monster yellowtail catch nine between 20 and 25 pounds.

11/18 RED ROVER and PERRYDIZE headed out for Esteban while BOMBEROS fished Turner, hoping for another white sea bass of two. PERRYDIZE trolled for a nice yellowtail off the northwest corner, then down along the shore for three sardinera before moving to try the lighthouse for yellowtail and finally another secret spot where a wide open yellowtail bite proceeded. Then the winds began to kick up after RED ROVER caught up with them, which sent them scurrying for the barn. RED ROVER had been doing well on yellowtail at Esteban with 8 in the 20 to 25 pound range. Did hear BOMBERO got another one.

11/20 A nice calm morning sent out another flurry of boats to Turner, including GATOR BAIT, BOMBEROS, MAYFLOWER, RED ROVER, SAND DOLLAR, WET WILLY, SEA DUKE, EL SUENO, and LOS COMPADRES,

GATOR BAIT bottom-fished mainly around the doth end reef, catching a mess of goldies and some rockies, while SEA DUKE trolled for a catch of sierra and bonito, then bait-fished catching the same as GATOR except for a bonus 44 pound grouper caught by Ted-"grouper killer" Ducray. EL SUENO got sierra, bonito and one nice yellowtail while MAYFLOWER caught limits of yellowtail along with the sierra and bonito. The BOMBEROS boat probably was jigging the Turner area and rumor has it that they caught a white sea bass around 50 pounds. Nightwings and company tried the shore at Christmas tree for corvina and flounder but caught only a sting ray (where did the halibut go?). JAY HAWKER must have cornered the corvina at 14 Mile because they got rockies, some corvina and some sort of mystery fish that looked like a corvina, but was marked with colors instead of being silver. Hopefully we can get a picture added. RED ROVER fished up towards Willard point for small bonito and yellowtail and a 16 pound pinto bass.

